

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-33 are presently pending in this application. Claims 1-29 have been canceled.

This RCE is being filed following the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated June 26, 2003, which held that the phrase "which does not use extruders" appearing in earlier claims was not supported by the original specification.

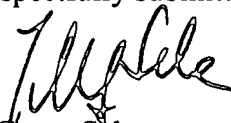
New claims 30-33 do not use this phrase. The new claims are in full compliance with Section 112 and affirmatively recite the provision and function of first and second static mixers which carry out the dispersing and retaining steps of the claimed method, which is neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of the art of record.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. A formal notification to that effect at an early date is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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